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MONTHLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER REPORT

This report is based on information received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from a representative number of meat-packing establishments. It indicates the average live weight per animal, average yields of dressed carcasses, the average cost per 100 pounds of live weight for cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep and lambs slaughtered during March 1943. Comparable data are included for previous months. The report also shows the percentage of purchases at public stockyards and direct purchases from producers, the classification of animals purchased, and records of monthly slaughter under Federal inspection.

WEIGHT, YIELD, AND COST OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

Class of Livestock	Unit	March 1942	February 1943	March 1943
<u>Average live weight of animals</u>				
Cattle	Pounds	970.01	981.40	980.06
Steers	"	1,007.93	1,009.33	1,001.65
Calves	"	176.91	176.05	164.19
Hogs	"	232.54	252.16	252.72
Sheep and lambs	"	96.23	93.61	95.22
<u>Average yield</u>				
Cattle	Percent	55.43	54.87	55.17
Calves	"	56.76	55.55	56.69
Hogs	"	75.65	75.80	75.86
Sheep and lambs	"	45.82	45.35	45.64
<u>Average cost per 100 pounds</u>				
Cattle	Dollars	10.53	13.00	13.60
Steers	"	11.85	14.39	14.85
Calves	"	12.29	13.84	14.43
Hogs	"	13.23	15.07	15.26
Sheep and lambs	"	11.39	14.41	15.08

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

March 1943 and 1942

Class of Livestock	Total slaughtered		Carcasses condemned	
	during March		during March	
	1943	1942	1943	1942
Cattle	922,566	929,008	4,732	4,917
Calves	409,924	490,559	3,024	3,105
Hogs	4,661,162	4,134,318	11,024	11,450
Sheep	1,495,078	1,668,688	3,958	3,417

1/ Steers also included in "Cattle" data.

See next page for slaughter records.

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SOURCES OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASES

Sources of supply	Unit	March 1942	February 1943	March 1943
<u>Cattle</u>				
Stockyards	Percent	74.90	79.35	74.84
Other	"	25.10	20.65	25.16
<u>Calves</u>				
Stockyards	"	57.40	61.77	53.04
Other	"	42.60	38.23	46.96
<u>Hogs</u>				
Stockyards	"	45.87	46.56	44.89
Other	"	54.13	53.44	55.11
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Stockyards	"	65.27	62.05	58.43
Other	"	34.73	37.95	41.57

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASED

<u>Cattle</u>				
Steers	Percent	54.64	52.50	54.48
Cows and heifers	"	41.97	43.88	42.38
Bulls and stags	"	3.39	3.62	3.14
<u>Hogs</u>				
Sows	"	48.14	45.31	44.77
Barrows	"	51.11	54.07	54.60
Bears and stags	"	0.75	0.62	0.63
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Sheep	"	4.48	11.97	5.63
Lambs and yearlings	"	95.52	88.03	94.37

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